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Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**

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U.S. Application No. 09/924,182, filed August 2, 2001, published on April 25, 2002 as U.S. Publication No. US 2002/0049281 A1; "Process for Cross-Linking Hyaluronic Acid to Polymers", Zhao *et al.* .

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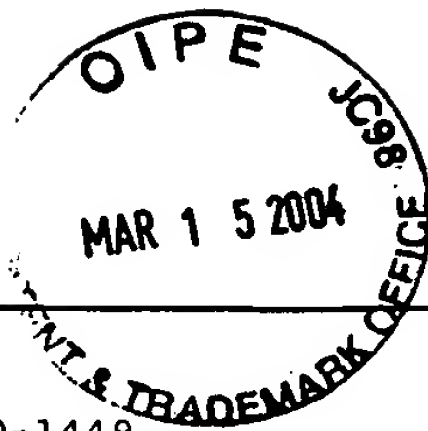


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